

1726. *Misset contra Misset of Dighton.* And if one estate consist of bond bearing annual rent from which his Relict is by Law excluded, the same shall receive all a bipartite division betwixt the Children and the Dead part. Again if all the Children be of the same age or have discharged their portion Natural, the like bipartite division is to be observed betwixt the Relict and dead part.

If there be neither wife nor Children, as when they are dead or the testator was never married, all the Moveables fall under the denomination of dead parts, of which the testator may freely dispose to whom he pleases without any regard from a quare de factis, as in a testament a Complaint of an Undiscovered testament. Thus a Youngs Man's testament Deliberately made without being drawn into it by fraud or Circumvention was sustained: Albeit he had disposed therein of all his goods and gear which he had from his father and left nothing to his poor brothers and sisters for his support. 26 July 1687 *Dreston and Gouber his Spouse contra Scott*

By the Common Law of England the testator had always a free will of disposing of his goods and Chattels in such manner as he thought best, except in some parts as particularly in the province of York and principality of Wales where it was restrained by the writ called *breve de Restraint* parts honorum, which the Wife and Children had against the Executors, for Recovery of part of the Goods that debts being paid were to be divided in three equal parts, the third to go to the wife, the other to the Children, and the third to go to the will of the testator. *Concl. Inst. per. Angles lib. 2 Tit. 18.* Which Custom of Reserving a reasonable part of his goods to the Widows and Children of good value, calls the Reasonable part *Domage* the *in force* of the Man; but London as to the Widows and Children of poor Men, has been abolished in other parts of England by several Acts of Parliament. *Stat. 4 & 5 Gul. & Mar. Cap. 2 Stat. 7 & 8 Gul. 3 Cap. 38 Stat. 283 Anno Reg. 5.*

A Wife's share of the Husband's Moveables is not at all ways so large as the Children's Legitim or dead part. If his personal bond bearing annual rent for sum owing to the testator, are esteemed heritable as to her who has no Right to any share of the same, and Moveable as to the Children, who may claim their Natural portion thereof, and as Legataries and other Heirs of kin who have Interest in the dead part. *See 2d Part of 1st Ch. 2.* Unless the testator die before the term of payment of annual rent, or after a Charge or Distress thereon for payment; in either of which Cases, personal bond bearing annual

annual rent are simply Moveables. 12 Feb. 1623 *Wallace contra M'Doal* 30 June 1624 *Mull contra Anderson* *Relict 23 Decemb. 1628* *M'kenzie contra Robertsons* *Stat. lib. 3 Tit. 8 S. 27.* The Reason of this Difference betwixt the extent of the Widows share and that of the Children's Legitim and dead part is, because Law presumes Wives to be sufficiently provided by their Contracts of Marriage; whereas Children and other Heirs of kin have often no other providing than a legal share of the Moveables. But then as the Relict had no benefit by personal bond bearing annual rent granted to her husband, where the term of payment of the annual rent was some time before his death; Neither is her share of the Moveables affected with Debts of that Nature owing by him, while the dead part and Legitim are sufficient to satisfy the same. For the Wife is not bound bearing annual rent in both respects, for satisfaction of such debts. 19 Feb. 1687 *Scrimphor contra Executors of Satis* being such debts. 19 Feb. 1687 *Scrimphor contra Executors of Satis* being such debts. 23 Decemb. 1688 *M'kenzie contra Robertsons* 27 Jani 1713 *Montrose and his husband contra Nonisparing* *Stat. lib. 3 Tit. 4 S. 24* *Infans*. And the Relict hath also her share of the annual rent of all bonds the heritable due before the testator's death. Disposition of the Marriages Again, the testator may dispose of personal bond bearing annual rent, as well as of his other Moveables, yet such bond bearing, Executors (which are heritable as to the testator, and Moveable as to the Debtor) do not fall under the dead part.

I shall now more particularly clear up the respective Interests aforesaid of a Wife's, Child's, Legitim and dead part. The heir of line had not only Right to the heritable part of his predecessor, but also to the heirship's Moveables, of which the testator, if a person who by Law may have heirship, cannot dispose in testament. *Stat. lib. 3 Tit. 4 S. 24* Verbo. as to Moveables in fine. *lib. 3 Tit. 5 S. 9.* But the heir had no share in the rest of the Moveables except in two Cases. 1st If the heir be male, and all the other Heirs of kin have Equally with him in all he can succeed to as heir, he comes in part pariter with the rest. 16 July 1678 *Murray contra Murray*. Because the only Reason why the heir is Excluded from sharing in Moveables is, because the sole Inheritance to the heritable is ordinarily better than a Legitim in the Moveables. But where he does not find his Account in having himself heritable with the heritable, and is willing to Collate the same, he is admitted with the other Children to share in the Moveables being he is not to be in a worse case than they. But an heir was not admitted to a share in the accretory with the younger Children, unless he Collate and Communicate to them. Not only the heritable